THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) and (b) The Chhattisgarh Bio-fuel Development Authority (CBDA), Government of Chhattisgarh have informed that based on the proposal submitted by them for Ratanjot (Jatropha) Plantation in 2006-07, the Ministry of Rural Development, Govt, of India have sanctioned Rs. 13.60 crores to them for Ratanjot plantation and nursery.

Increase in wind power capacity

43. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRI RUDRANARAYAN PANY:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDRAR:

Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether wind power capaciy has risen up by 45 per cent during 2005-06;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Timal Nadu has contributed to a bulk of this capacity addition;

(d) the position of other States in this sector, especially Orissa; and

(e) the action plan of the Centre to encourage other States to fall in line with Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The cumulative installed capacity of wind power projects in the country has increased from 3595 MW upto 2004-05 to 5340 MW in 2005-06.

(c) Yes, Sir. Tamil Nadu accounts for more than half of the total installed wind power capacity in the country.

(d) Information on State-wise installed wind power capacity upto 31st March, 2006 is given below:

State	Installed capacity (MW)
Andhra Pradesh	121
Gujarat	338
Karnataka	585
Madhya Pradesh	40
Maharashtra	1001
Rajsthan	358
Tamil Nadu	2893
Others (Kerala, West Bengal, Orisa)	
TOTAL	5340

Setting up of commercial wind power projects has not yet commenced in the State of Orissa.

(e) The Government is encouraging setting up of wind power project in all potential States by providing concessional import duty on certain components of wind electric generator, excise duty exemption, ten years' tax holiday on income generated from wind power projects, benefit of accelerated depreciation and loan from Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) and other financial institutions. Wind power is being given preferential tariff in potential States. Continuous efforts are under way to identify new wind power potential areas through wind resource assessment studies by Centre for Wind Energy Technology, Chennai.

Protection of interests of children

†44. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to set up a separate Commission for protection of the insterests of children;

(b) whether Government have received complaints regarding the fact that poor children are being exploited as domestic servant; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi